397. Including the arrears of Rs. 2,02,857, the total demand of taxes under several heads came up to Rs. 9,49,481, out of which a sum of Rs. 6,65,627 (including a remission of Rs. 4,963) was collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,83,854 at the close of the year.

398. Public health of the City was generally good and there were no cases of outbreak of epidemics.

399. A sum of Rs. 2,54,150 was spent on public improvement works such as construction and maintenance of buildings, formation and repairs of roads, construction of drains and culverts, cement concreting of roads, cleaning and re-laying of water supply pipe lines.

400. The work relating to the laying of 16" pipe line from Harihar to Davangere for the water supply to the City at an estimated cost of Rs. 22·16 lakhs was nearing completion.

401. The construction of a II R.C.C. Tank at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,56,900 was completed during the year. The work relating to underground drainage scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 10·23 lakhs was under execution by the Public Works Department.

(iv) Bellary City Municipality.

402. The Bellary City Municipality was constituted in the year 1855 and it continued to function as such during the year. The Municipality merged into Mysore State from 1st November 1953 and the Mysore City Municipalites Act was extended to this Municipality with effect from 24th October 1955.

403. As per 1951 Census, the population was 70,764 spreading over an area of 10·75 square miles.

404. The Municipality was under the control of the Special Officer.

405. The total number of houses and sites in Bellary City were 13,466 and 824 respectively.

406. The total demand (including arrears), collections and balance of the Municipality were Rs. 6,12,086, Rs. 4,94,136 and Rs. 1,17,950 respectively.

407. The incidence of taxation per head of population during the year was Rs. 75 (Rs. 6-73).

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408. The total receipts and expenditure of the Municipality during the year were Rs. 10,82,934 (Rs. 10,51,951) and Rs. 9,35,377 (Rs. 8,91,209) respectively. The closing balance at the end of the year was Rs. 5,17,844 (Rs. 3,70,287).

409. The total sum realised under Octroi was Rs. 77,318. This new levy was introduced for the first time in this Municipality from 28th January 1957.

410. A sum of Rs. 1,35,851 was received as grants during the year.

411. The number of Elementary Schools maintained by the Municipality during the year was 19. The estimated number of boys and girls of school going age in Municipal area was 6,227 (9,898) and the number attended the Municipal Elementary Schools was 534 (923) boys and 465 (786) girls. The total expenditure incurred on this account during the year was Rs. 66,045 (Rs. 53,285). The collection of Education tax levied as surcharge on Property tax alone was Rs. 48,122 (Rs. 42,930) including arrears.

412. There were in all seven High Schools in the Municipal area.

413. The Municipality maintained one Public Library *cum* Reading Room in Brucepet and one Reading Room in Cowl Bazaar; both the reading rooms were popular.

414. The number of street lights at the end of the previous year was 1,278, and 159 more lights were sanctioned during the year. The total charges for the year was Rs. 32,524 (Rs. 39,717).

415. There were 11 Public Medical Institutions within the Municipal limits and also many other nursing houses maintained by local doctors treating both Allopathic and Indigenous system of medicines.

416. The town was free from Plague and Cholera during the year.

417. There was increase in birth rate from 34·6 to 41·7, in death rate from 16·9 to 17·8 and decrease in Maternal Mortality from 9·4 to 4·4, decrease in Infantile Mortality rate from 94·1 to 79·5 during the year.

418. There were 2,962 births (2,445) giving a rate of 41·7 (34·6) and 1,262 deaths (1,193) giving a rate of 17.8 (9·4).